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1. [redacted] a submarine, accompanied by four small naval vessels, was in a position about ten nautical miles west of Lavensari. The force was in a column formation underway on a westerly course. The surface vessels had one mast just abaft the bridge and one funnel. At 0515 hours GMT, a small naval vessel was underway on a westerly heading at a point about three nautical miles south of Sommars. [redacted] It had flush decks, no guns or other equipment on the foredeck, the bridge, one mast at the after edge of the bridge, and one funnel. There was a gun platform aft of the funnel with an open, shielded mount on each side. Abaft the platform there was another shielded mount on the afterdeck and at the stern there were depth charge racks at each side. Over the bridge there was a radar scanner which consisted of rather open grillwork set in an open frame about 80 centimeters on a side. The scanner was rotating. A simple round RDF antenna was also located above the bridge. 25X1
2. At about 1010 hours GMT on the same day, there was a small, flush-decked naval vessel under way on a westerly heading at a speed of 10 or 12 knots at a position about five nautical miles northeast of Shepelev Light. It was about 80 feet long, with one gun on the foredeck, one mast at the after edge of the bridge, and one funnel immediately abaft the bridge. 25X1
3. At 1020 hours GMT, a small naval vessel similar to a German schnellboot approached [redacted] ship from toward the shore at a position about five nautical miles west of the Leningrad Lightship. From a position about 1/2 mile off the starboard bow of [redacted] ship, the vessel fired a volley from an Oerlikon-type machine gun; 10 to 15 seconds later it fired a second volley. Hits from the latter volley were observed about one cable length ahead of [redacted] ship. This action was interpreted as a signal to stop but the craft passed [redacted] ship to starboard without hailing or showing a visual signal. [redacted] ship got underway again and proceeded to Leningrad Lightship without incident. 25X1

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